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NATIONAL NEWS COUNCIL AREAS OF CONCERN

Mr. Colby issued a statement about 1973 regarding the use of journalists. Since the practice apparently was still continuing in 1975, there is concern as to what has been done to bring the practice to an end. The Council also would like information on what steps have been taken to implement the February 11 statement by the DCI. It has been stated that about 50 journalists were still being used at the time, and it also has been reported that 25 of these are being used as of now.

The Council would like our definition of "US journalists." Does this include executives and others working for the media.

Under existing policy, is it possible in any way that people covered by the above definition could still be employed or used in the future? **NO**

Why did the February 11 statement cover both press and church people. Do we make a distinction, or no distinction, or was it merely a matter of convenience?

While the Council doesn't want to ask for the names of journalists who have cooperated, will the Agency supply such names to news organizations on request as regards their employees who may have cooperated.

NO!!

DCI felt
a) separation of
church & state
and b) consti-
tutional
privileges or religion
make these 2 categories
different than others
such as academics

What is the Agency's policy concerning the use of journalism cover by Agency people?

What does the Agency see as its responsibility regarding the prevention of "domestic fallout" from material planted abroad?

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Andrew
interesting!

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REMARKS: <p>Attached is an informal summary of what the News Council has told us (by phone) are the "areas of interest" for my meeting with them on Thursday.</p>		
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